

As we have repeatedly remarked there has been a great deal of adverse criticism of the administration in not striking sharp and decisive blows, and end this war. It has been suggested in many quarters that President McKinley and his Republican advisers and backers want the war prolonged until after the November elections. We trust that there is no real foundation for this suspicion. We would dislike very much to believe that a man could be elected President who would stoop to such a low motive. Whatever may be said of some of President McKinley's political friends, we cannot think that he is consciously prolonging the war, putting the people to so much expense merely that Republican Congressmen may be returned.

The New York World gives a good summary of the "kind-hearted" war. The war was declared on 21st day of April. The navy was ready for action in a week. On the 22nd April a scheme to feed the reconcentrated was adopted, and the blockade of Havana to starve the Spaniards was accepted. The feeling scene was abandoned because the food was used by the Spaniards. On the 23rd a call was made for 125,000 volunteers. On the 24th Spain declared war. On the 25th Congress declared war. Practically nothing was done during the rest of the month of April.

The World continues the calendar up to and including June 6th as follows:

- MAY.
1. Dewey, far from "orders from Washington," smashes the Spanish fleet at Manila.
 2. Nothing done.
 3. Nothing done.
 4. Nothing done.
 5. Nothing done.
 6. Nothing done.
 7. Nothing done.
 8. Nothing done.
 9. Nothing done.
 10. Nothing done.
 11. Cardenas scratched. Nothing done.
 12. Cervera at Martinique. Sampson scratches San Juan and hurries back to Key West. Nothing done.
 13. Schley leaves Hampton Roads. Nothing done.
 14. Nothing done.
 15. Nothing done.
 16. Nothing done.
 17. Nothing done.
 18. Nothing done.
 19. Cervera arrives at Santiago. Nothing done.
 20. Nothing done.
 21. Nothing done.
 22. Nothing done.
 23. Nothing done.
 24. Nothing done.
 25. Seventy-five thousand more volunteers called out. Nothing done.
 26. Nothing done.
 27. Nothing done.
 28. Nothing done.
 29. Nothing done.
 30. Nothing done.
 31. Schley, released from "orders from Washington," shuts Cervera up in Santiago harbor.

- JUNE.
1. Nothing done.
 2. Nothing done.
 3. Under reluctant permission from Washington, tardily granted, Lieut. Hobson bottles up Cervera and makes the whole world admire as it has not admired since Dewey "did" at Manila.
 4. Nothing done.
 5. Nothing done.
 6. Nothing done.

TELEPHONES IN DEMAND.

The suggestion of a "Subscriber" that Mitford wants a telephone line is about what we have anticipated. We have repeatedly said that the day would soon come, when the whole country would be a network of wires. Country neighbors would be brought into closer communication with each other and with the country seat. These advantages are so obvious that it is not necessary to mention them here.

We hope that a "Subscriber" will soon see his desire for a telephone realized. Messrs. Wylie and Johnston can doubtless give him some information. Our columns are open to anything of value on the subject. By the people living along the line "chipping in," it seems to us that the line could be built without much cost to any one person. Now that Mitford has got "the telephone fever," are there not some other communities about to catch it? What about Fawcettville? Longtown? Monticello? Albion and others?

MANILA has fallen, and the indications are that Santiago will soon fall into our hands.

The fall of Santiago, of course, will mean the surrender of Admiral Cervera. The Spanish fleet will then become the property of the Americans unless Cervera blows them up to prevent their falling into the possession of Sampson and Schley. The forts at Santiago are in ruins; the enemy's fleet is bottled in the harbor, and now troops are being landed. The fall of the city seems inevitable.

Dewey has had Manila at his mercy ever since his great naval battle, but he could not take actual possession because he had no troops to back him.

AFRICANA will cure Rheumatism and Sciatica to Stay Cured.

Without any intention of alarming the number of fires that have happened in the last few days is becoming a very serious matter. It is true that the loss has been small, but the danger is that it may become more serious. The general opinion seems to be that two of the last fires were incendiary. If the chickenhouse in Miss Frip's yard was set on fire by some person or persons, it was a clear case of arson, and upon conviction by a jury, without qualifying their verdict by a recommendation to mercy, the criminals would have to suffer death by hanging, or if recommended to mercy then imprisonment for a period not less than ten years. An arrest with sufficient evidence to convict, and a hanging or a long term in the State penitentiary would tend to end the work of the incendiary.

The number of newspaper generals in the United States is something astonishing. They all know exactly how to take possession of Cuba, and in fact to carry on a campaign to wipe out the whole Spanish nation and that too in a few days. It is generally those who stay at home, who know how to equip and prepare an army, these soldiers will not be ready to go to Cuba until next fall. In a short time the rainy season will have begun, and then the troops can not go even though they are prepared.

"A VOTER" EXPRESSES HIS VIEWS.
Mr. Editor: It is about time for the candidate to come around smiling, and promises they cannot keep are not thought of.

A politician is something like the Irishman's flea. I used to think that there was much in platforms and politicians' speeches, but lately I have come to the conclusion that the only use made of them is to get in on. The Lord knows we need some relief and reform but not the kind we have had since 1890. Reform has made taxes from 50 to 100 cents and 15 and 18 mills higher, at a time when people were never able to pay a small tax, from 1890 to a few months back.

The purchasing power of money has been far greater than from 1890 to 1880, and still more and more money is drawn from the people in taxation. Almost every article of supplies used by the Government, County and State, from an inkstand up has been cheap compared with years before. Bread and meat to feed the poor, clothes and other things were never so cheap. Hire help was never so cheap.

Why, then, cannot taxes be reduced? Taxes are easily paid by prosperous business people, especially the speculative class, but you find that there are many who taxes are almost depriving of daily bread. Many poor men and widows in Fairfield County who have to lien their crops or assign their rent to raise money for taxes.

Should anybody wonder at the increased taxation? Look at the appropriations; look at the amount of money used and paid in the various courts on account of prolonged litigation to protect the guilty and to keep people from paying their honest debts. We will take one case in our own County of Fairfield—the murder of James Suber, one of Fairfield's best men and an honest Christian gentleman murdered by an unprincipled vagabond. This case has been tried twice, and twice has the defendant been found guilty by honest jurors, and as often carried to the highest court. That does not only stay justice and leads to the liberation of the guilty, but it costs the taxpayers lots of money. This case has already cost Fairfield County \$1,400, more than four hundred dollars besides lawyers' fees. We do not want to hang the guilty, but hang the guilty as quickly as possible, and do not charge up the protection of the guilty against the taxpayers. A little police force, more honest jurors, less legislation, and as representative select men who will use the public money economically. Men extravagant and risky in their own business will be far more so in the people's business. Select men who do not want to ride from the place of a representative to Governor at the expense of the taxpayers. Find men in touch with the common interests of the county, men that will do everything in their power to lessen public expenses, and who will not pander to the will of men in higher offices, and who do not have to consult their political bosses before they can cast an honest vote.

The party lash has been taken off, so said, then let good men come to the front and offer their services for the various offices. The offices are within the gift of the people, and let the people have good material men which a second relief is waiting. It is hard to give up a good thing, and an officeholder must be a good thing, for they do not seem willing to rotate. Let men stop talking and abusing Tillmanism and salt making. There is no scarcity of salt, but a heavy demand for powder burning just now.

A Voter.

BUCKHEAD NEWS.

I noticed you had my letter mixed with the writer from Longtown—Sweet Peas.

We are having a drouth now. It has been over six weeks since we had rain. Most of the cotton planted after the dry weather set in is in the ground yet. If we could get rain soon it would greatly benefit the corn crop and all other crops.

I would say to Mr. R. H. Jennings that the Messrs. John B. Feaster and Willie Coleman are natives of this county, and are off with the First S. C. V. Palmetto Regiment at Chikamauga.

I am sorry that the Lord has taken by death from us our friend Mr. George Butler Pearson. He was buried at the Pearson cemetery on the morning of the 7th inst. I regret I could not attend the funeral.

Capt. Thos. Lyles returned to his home in Louisiana a few weeks ago. Capt. T. M. Lyles is expected home to-day from a visit to his daughter Mrs. Amos Davis.

The dispensary has been tried. It won't do. Now let the people have what they want, and try prohibition. June 11, '98. J. C. F.

PROHIBITION.

It is the Same Fight Over.

We clip the following from one of our well known weeklies:

A. C. Jones, chairman of the State prohibition executive committee, has written a letter to several newspapers declaring that the reversal of Judge Blanton's decision on the effect of the prohibition party in the campaign. We quote from Mr. Jones' letter:

I anticipated the decision in the statement made several weeks ago, when I said, "That it was the old fight of 1892 over again, except while at that time it was against the saloon, under the old bar room system, now it is against the dispensary, with its beer privileges, hotel privileges, the original package stores and blind tigers, which have sprung up with the dispensary system. The only effect of the decision is to close the original package stores and remove them from the field as competitors of the dispensary, but it gives individuals the right to order as much as they please for personal use from outside the State, without the interference of the law under which the dispensary is operated."

The facts still remain that in 1892 the people of the State, without regard to faction, presented an appeal to the Democratic party to be permitted to vote upon the question of prohibition with the view of making it a State law. Permission was given, and the party pledged itself, if a majority of the voters voting at that election voted for prohibition, that the party would pass a prohibition law. They failed to redeem that pledge and the same people came again to the Democratic party asking them to give them a legislature that will carry out their wishes and an administration to enforce it. The moral principle is still the same. The dispensary is a whiskey measure, not a prohibition measure.

Mr. Jones has clearly and tersely stated the case of prohibitionists. What he says of the vote of 1892 is history. Not one word of it can be contested. The issue was made in 1892 and voted upon in the Democratic party at the polls. Prohibition won and prohibition was robbed of the fruits of victory by some of the disservice of party counsel. It is this year, from the standpoint of all those who oppose the sale of whiskey, the same fight over.

Yes, it is the same fight over against the making and the sale of intoxicating liquors in the State by whomsoever done—blind tigers, blockade or by the State dispensary. And yet forsooth because the prohibitionists wish to be heard again at the ballot box, the advocates of the dispensary would divert attention from the main issue by trying to make the impression that the prohibitionists are in league with "the whiskey men." But surely if we were in league with "the whiskey men" we would be in league with the dispensary, for the dispensary has the monopoly of the whiskey business in South Carolina.

"Oh! consistency, thou art a jewel." If these friends of the dispensary mean that the prohibitionists are in league with those who were engaged in selling whiskey before we had the dispensary, then we would ask, where are the people of such an alliance? Have the prohibitionists been courting the favor of these men? Was this class of citizens prominent in the prohibition convention in Columbia? and were these the men that were nominated for office on the prohibition ticket?

But you have heard former bar room keepers say they would vote the prohibition ticket. Does that prove such alliances? They are free citizens to vote as they choose; just as other men. If they choose to vote the prohibition ticket we shall be glad to have them do so, just as we should be glad to have those who have heretofore favored the dispensary, or anybody else, vote with us.

Many of those addicted to the use of whiskey voted for prohibition in 1892, and yet had a dispensary stuck right under their noses, and thus were invited to pursue their downward course. "Wee unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also." Heb. 2:15.

We should be glad to have those tempted by strong drink to vote with us that we may help them to move temptation from their path. Yes, we should be glad to have everybody vote with us, for we feel we are engaged in a righteous cause.

H. K. K.

A Clever Trick.
It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has a little common sense. We know of a man who has been cured of his chronic headache and nervous troubles. We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to the liver and kidneys, is a blood purifier and a nerve tonic. It cures Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor. Try Electric Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50¢ a bottle at McMaster Co.'s drug store.

ITEMS FROM HERE.

Horob postoffice has become quite a popular place since we have been able to get daily mail, and particularly so since the war started. The hour for the arrival of the mail is 2 p. m., consequently about 2 p. m. the men of the neighborhood can be seen pouring in from all quarters to get their papers, and then read and discuss war news, and then give the parting word which is, "See you again tomorrow at 3 o'clock."

Just to show you, Mr. Editor, how punctual we are, one of our number at the office yesterday (Thursday) was missing, and your correspondent was detailed to look him up, and if sick or disabled in any way, I was to give him the war news. I found him, but he was neither sick nor disabled, but was out in his plantation binding (what proved to be after careful examination) oats. The oats being very inferior, and of course short straw, he had taken the precaution to invest in three yards of white home spun and test into strings and bind his would-be oats with said string. Good idea, don't you think?

Mr. T. C. Canak gave an ice cream festival last Monday night and the writer had the pleasure of attending and of course enjoyed it hugely.

Hot and dry in this community. Nothing seems to be growing except melons.

HAVE FAITH IN THE BOY.

Have faith in the boy, not believing that he is the worst of his kind, is league with the army of Satan, and only to evil inclined.

But daily to guide and control him. Your wisdom and patience employ, And daily, despite disappointment, And sorrow, have faith in the boy.

Have faith to believe that some moment in life's strangely checkered career, Convicted, subdued and repentant, The prodigal son will appear; The gold in his name rejecting, The dark and debasing alloy, Illuming your spirit with gladness, Because you have faith in the boy.

Though now he is wayward and stubborn.

And keeps himself sadly aloof From those who are anxious and fearful.

And ready with words of reproof; Have faith that the prayers of a mother His wandering feet will arrest, And turn him away from his follies To weep out his tears on her breast.

The brook that goes dashing and dancing, We may not direct from its course, Until the wild, turbulent spirit Has somewhat expended its force; The brook is the life of the river, And if we the future might scan, We find that a boisterous boyhood Gave vigor and life to the man.

Ah! many a boy has been driven Away from home by the thought That no one believed in his goodness, Or dreamed of the battle he fought; So, if you would help him to conquer, The foes that are prone to annoy, Encourage him often with kindness, And show you have faith in the boy.

Have faith in his good resolutions, Believe that at last he'll prevail; Though now he's forgetful and heedless.

Though day after day he may fail, Your doubts and suspicions misgiving; His hopes and courage destroy; So, if you'd secure a brave manhood, 'Tis well to have faith in the boy.

LOOK! A STITCH IN TIME.

Saves nine. Hughes' Tonic (new improved, taste pleasant), taken in early spring and fall prevents Chills, Dengue and Malarial Fevers. Acts on the liver, tones up the system. Better than Quinine. Guaranteed, try it. At Drugists. 50c. and \$1.00 bottles.

KEYWAY DOGS.

Children's Day at the Baptist Church—Closing Exercises of the Keyway High School.

On Sunday evening a special service was held for the children. The church was filled. The services were provided over by Rev. Jabez Ferris. The following is the program of the exercises:

Myra 237, by the choir.
Prayer by Rev. Jabez Ferris.
Welcome, Miss Sarah Wray.
God's Jewels, Misses Ora May Coleman and Hallie Kennedy, Messrs. Carl Hinnant and Jas. Wilson.
Hymn 409.

We Praise the Lord, Miss Daisy Wilson.
Message of Song, Miss May Hinnant.
Who made the Skies? Harry Bolick, Jas. Wilson, Carl Hinnant, Sarah Wray and Laura Kennedy.
Hymn 216.

Sending the Light, John Wilson.
Hymn 265.
Child's Evening Prayer, Miss Bolick.

Give the Bible, Vincent Parker.
What a Child may do, Ennie Parker.
Hymn 355.

Dying and No Man Careth for Their Souls, by Miss Carry Wilson.
Hymn 27.
Children's Voices, Maggie Hinnant.
The Chimes, by the choir.
Address by Rev. Jabez Ferris.
Missionary offering.

Benediction.
The children recited their pieces in a very creditable manner, and the music and singing were very nice.

On Friday evening the closing exercises of the High School will be held. Quite an attractive program has been arranged and a pleasant evening is in store for those who attend. For the past two years the school has been under the efficient management of Prof. F. E. Hinnant, and during that time a marked advance has been made in the standard of the school.

It is with regret that we announce that Mr. Hinnant has resigned his position as principal but in parting with him the best wishes of the entire town go with him to his new field of labor. The resignation of Prof. Hinnant leaves the principals place open. Applications for the position or as assistant may now be sent to the chairman of trustees at this place. An election to fill the vacancies will be held in a few weeks. The public and especially the patrons of the school are cordially requested to be present at the closing exercises.

PERSONALS.

Miss Jennie Thomas spent a few days in Rock Hill attending the Winthrop convention. It came.

Mr. J. C. P. Williams is in Camden on business.

Dr. Henry F. Hoover, of Hampton, is expected to arrive in town on Wednesday.

Francis Lawson (Crumpton), M. W. DaPortes, Wm. Hartin and Jas. Allen, gentlemen of the jury, went to Winnsboro to attend court on Monday.

Messrs. Geo. and Talley Moore are visiting near Camden.

Miss Stella Bechborn has returned to Augusta for the summer.

Messrs. E. T. Blair and Jas. R. DaPortes were among those who took in the Winthrop amusement.

Miss Lela Hinnant returned from Rock Hill on Thursday.

Mr. C. L. Wray is visiting his brother in Washington, Ga. June 11, '98.

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JENKINSVILLE ITEMS.

We have not all enlisted in the army in this section but are preparing to celebrate Children's Day here at Shiloh Church on Saturday the 18th inst. Songs and speeches are being practiced daily for the occasion, and later there will be much frying of chicken and baking of tarts. Candidates cordially invited.

Children's Day was celebrated at Monticello two week since. The school there taught by Mr. Banks, of Newberry, closed with an entertainment on Thursday the 9th inst. Mr. Banks has given satisfaction as teacher, and the patrons are anxious to secure his services for another year.

The school at Shiloh taught by Miss Essie Crooks, of Newberry, closed with a picnic some weeks since. She left at once for her home.

Miss Fannie Hunter, of Union, is visiting her aunt Mrs. John McMeekin of this section.

Miss Madie Chappell is visiting relatives at Honea Path and Donalds, S. C.

Miss Lois Chappell is at home, her school near Donalds having closed.

Messrs. Charley Brown, Douglass, and J. S. Swygert, Jr. arrived at home on Tuesday last from Clemson College, and Messrs. Quisenberry and Susie Yarbrough came from Winthrop on Thursday.

The pressing need of rain is the all-absorbing subject, as the drought is becoming serious.

There is no catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven error to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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We have a full stock of Ladies' and Misses' Oxfords. Also some pretty goods just received in Ladies' Cloth Top Shoes. Men's Low Cut Shoes for hot weather. Will please you and give you comfort.

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